

STATE VS. MRS. MINNA CLARK.

PRELIMINARY HEARING, SOMERVILLE, OCT. 22, 1926.

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No witnesses were cross-examined. The examination consisted entirely of leading questions and short answers by ^{agreement} of argument by the witnesses.

MRS. DEMAREST.

Testified that:

In May, 1922, she was motoring on Boston Avenue with her son, in a car owned and driven by an ^{unknown} man, and saw Mrs. Mills and Mr. Hall sitting on a bench in Buccleuch Park near the entrance to the Park on Boston Avenue, nearest to the Parker Home. They were sitting apart and Mr. Hall seemed to be reading a book to Mrs. Mills. On this occasion she saw Mrs. Clark and Coroline standing back of or ~~back~~ beside a car on Boston Avenue watching Mrs. Mills and Mr. Hall.

On another occasion in June Mrs. Demarest saw Mr. Hall and Mrs. Mills on the same bench talking. Mr. Hall was at

the end of the bench, not sitting close. This time Mrs. Demarest saw Mrs. Clark and Gorsline looking from behind a bush.

On Friday, Sept. 15, 1922, Mrs. Demarest was at her mother's, Mrs. Schenck's when Mrs. Clark came in with a camera, two letters and a handkerchief in her hands. Mrs. Clark laid down the camera and Mrs. Demarest asked jokingly if the letters were love letters. Mrs. Clark replied that they had to do with Church matters pertaining to Mr. Hall.

THE DEMAREST BOY.

Generally corroborated his mother as to the Easton Ave. episode.

MRS. OPLE.

Did not see anyone go in the Mills house on Friday September 15, 1922. Saw Mrs. Clark come to the Mills house on Saturday afternoon, September 16, 1922, in a small car, driven by a Carpenter, who she has been told was Edwin. Saw Mrs. Clark go in the house, but didn't see her come out. Saw what appeared to be a lot of papers in the car back of the driver.

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JAMES MILLS.

Said Mrs. Mills, Mr. Hall and himself had keys to the Church in which there was a small study which contained books. Hesitated for several minutes in saying Mrs. Clark had a key, but finally agreed that as Mrs. Clark did cleaning work in the church, once or twice a week, she must have had a key. (I understand she did have a key. R. H. B.)

CHARLOTTE MILLS.

Said yes to a long question about her mother placing a New York World clipping about Percy Stickney Grant and divorce in Mr. Hall's study in the Church on Thursday, Sept. 14, 1922, that she obviously did not see her do it. As this was based on a statement by her mother, Simpson cited State vs. Hunter. Said she once, about two or three months before the murders, saw her mother place a piece of paper, a note, in a book in the church study. At this point Simpson offered in evidence Mrs. Clark's sworn statements to the prosecution saying they contained denials of everything which had gone before.

CAPTAIN WALSH.

Visited Mrs. Clark's house three times. Mrs. Clark always in bed with shoes and stockings on. First visit on Sept. 18, 1926, day after Mrs. Clark made her statements. Occasion of visit, a telephone call from Mrs. Clark that she wanted to change her statement. The change she wanted to make was this: Mrs. Clark had said she didn't see Mrs. Hall at Mr. Hall's funeral. Mrs. Clark wanted to say that Mrs. Hall was at the funeral. Walsh then testified about Mrs. Clark's arrest, the doctor's visit etc.

OFFICER BURKE.

On September 18, 1926 visited Mrs. Clark's house with Capt. Walsh and stayed upstairs (personally in hiding) when ^{downstairs} Walsh went ~~downstairs~~ with Mrs. Clark. Mrs. Clark then sat up in bed and leaned over side to hear what Capt. Walsh and Mr. Clark said.